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Keyzer Soze, left, Sharon Jensen and Shari Loubier are friends of Cara Hiebert, whose 2011 murder remains unsolved.
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Loved ones still seeking killer

Justice for Cara. Cara Hiebert is the only homicide case from 2011 in which no one has been arrested.

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Cara Hiebert HANDOUT

Cara Hiebert’s friends and family haven’t given up the hunt for her killer. The 31-year-old single mother of four was murdered in her Redwood Avenue home in July of last year.

Her children were present at the time of her killing.

Police continue to investigate her case, which remains the only unsolved murder of 2011.

This past Sunday, her friends organized a memorial walk down Selkirk Avenue to MacGregor Street, where they put up posters asking the public to call in any tips.

Many of the participants later took their posters and their requests for leads to The Forks, where good weather meant many people stopped to ask about Hiebert’s case.

“We’re trying to find the killer or at least raise awareness,” said Keyzer Soze, a friend of Hiebert’s. “She’s gotten no air time on the news. How can someone look for someone if they don’t know about (the case)?”

For Sharon Jensen, who knew Hiebert as a child while working as a nanny, the wait for justice is heart-wrenching.

“She was a beautiful girl, inside and out. She left behind countless friends, family,” said Jensen.

Soze and Jensen said the fallout of Hiebert’s murder continues to be felt by the family, as her children currently are not living together.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers at 786-8477 (TIPS) or by text to TIP 170 plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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Aerospace industry review could help save lost jobs

Aveos closure impact. Aerospace union is set to rally again Friday after 350 employees were left out of work

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Efforts to keep aerospace jobs in Winnipeg are ramping up following the Aveos closure, which left 350 employees out of work.

Peter Bjornson, Manitoba's minister of entrepreneurship, training and trade, met with David Emerson, a former Conservative MP who was in town as part of a previously scheduled federal review of the aerospace industry.

"It was a very timely meeting," said Bjornson, adding that it was Emerson who first brought up the Aveos situation. "It wasn't part of his agenda but it became part of his agenda."

Bjornson said his government's message was clear: Winnipeg is the third-largest aerospace hub in Canada and must remain so. He is encouraged by comments from the feds in support of the Air Canada Public Participation Act, which states that heavy maintenance must be performed in Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto.

His office is also in talks with the industry ministers of Quebec and Ontario to come up with a co-ordinated effort that, he hopes, will save valuable, skilled, high-paying jobs.

"Air Canada still has to fix their jets: we have the facilities, we have the expertise, " said Bjornson, adding that the job losses "would be a major blow" to the local aerospace industry.

These efforts are encouraging to Aveos employees, said Lorne Hammerberg, president of Local 714 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and an Aveos employee himself.

Winnipeg's Aveos plant specialized in the repair of the Embraer E-jet family, the only such specialization in Canada.

"My number one hope would be integration (back to Air Canada), the building is still there, the equipment is still there," said Hammerberg.

"Winnipeg is so viable for this type of industry."

The union is planning another rally at 11 a.m. at the Manitoba Legislature on Friday.

Lorne Hammerberg, centre, said he is hopeful that efforts by the provincial governments of Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario to keep aerospace jobs in Canada will be successful. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Bus manufacturer

New Flyer sees net turnaround

Bus manufacturer New Flyer Industries Inc. says it recorded net earnings of $17.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 compared to a net loss of $13.6 million in the same period of 2010. It expects to maintain its dividends at an annual rate of 86-cents per share, payable monthly, until August 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police chase

Man flees on foot during drug arrest at intersection

Two Winnipeg men got more than a ticket after being pulled over by police early Thursday.

Street Crime members arrested two men after a small amount of marijuana and cocaine was found during a traffic stop near the intersection of Sherbrook Street and Ellice Avenue around 1 a.m.

During the stop the 25-year-old male driver took off on foot but was found on a nearby street with help from Air1 and search dogs.

Bosco Justin Laki, 25, and a 19-year-old male, both from Winnipeg are facing two charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of the proceeds of crime and a charge of personation with intent to gain advantage. SHANE GIBSON

Federal funding

Big donation for Y youth program

A local project that helps prepare youth for the job market got a cash infusion from the federal government on Thursday.

MP Lawrence Toet made the funding announcement of more than $261,000, which will go to the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg through the Skills Link program.

"Our government's top priority is creating jobs and economic growth," said Toet in a press release. "The Youth Employment Strategy is helping young people develop the skills necessary to secure jobs now and is enabling them to gain the experience they need to prepare for the workforce of tomorrow."

The project helps youth overcome barriers to employment by holding workshops on effective communication, relationship building, interview skills, as well as hands-on experience through placements. BERNICE PONTANILLA

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Mobile news

As Facebook and Yahoo get ready for a courtroom battle over patents, the social-networking site has turned to IBM for backup. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

Grizzlies make debut at zoo

Three orphaned grizzly bear cubs that came to the Detroit Zoo from Alaska in December have made their zoo debut. Mike, Thor and Boo spent the winter as they would have in the wild: "denned up." Watch at metronews.ca/video

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MacKay. Care and quality of life focus of new facility

Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay announced plans Thursday to build a $9.8 million multi-use facility just outside of 17 Wing Winnipeg in part to enhance care for ill and injured soldiers — but an injured soldier attending the announcement told the minister his family needs help of another kind.

"I was just wondering if there's anyway a sick or ill soldier can receive some kind of life insurance policy if they don't qualify because of a condition they have?" Corp. Dietrich McKenzie asked MacKay during a question period for media. "The injury I received, sir, I don't qualify for life insurance, and there's an 80 per cent chance that when I go through my transplant it will kill me, which leaves my family with nothing."

McKenzie said he was exposed to radiation while serving in Bosnia in 2001 and as a result requires a bone-marrow stem cell transplant. The Winnipeg-based soldier worries about how his wife will manage the family's six children if he doesn't make it through the surgery.

MacKay said he wasn't aware of a program that specifically provides life insurance, but took the soldier's information and promised to follow up.

Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay speaks with injured soldier Corp. Dietrich McKenzie at an infra structure announcement at 17 Wing Winnipeg Thursday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

"You've served your country and you're entitled to that support," he said.

The newly-announced facility will house several units including Winnipeg's Integrated Personnel Support Centre, which provides access to services and benefits to injured Canadian Forces personnel, their families, and veterans.

"I am proud that we are taking this concrete action to improve the well-being of our military personnel, our veterans, and their families" said MacKay. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

Manitoba. Film industry expected to benefit from Saskatchewan tax kill

The Government of Saskatchewan has eliminated the province's film employment tax credit, and that's good news for Manitoba's already booming film industry.

"It's certainly bad news for Saskatchewan," said Carole Vivier, CEO and film commissioner with Manitoba Film and Music on Thursday. "With the industry now probably not being able to survive in Saskatchewan the way it was, they are looking to relocate elsewhere, and Manitoba is close."

Manitoba offers a maximum of a 65 per cent tax credit on salaries for those working on eligible film or video projects in the province.

To put the importance of tax credits into perspective, Vivier said the Manitoba film industry brought in $17 million in 1997 before the credit was introduced, and will now see profits of $140 million in a good year.

"If the tax credit were to disappear, production would disappear," she explained. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

Firearms offences

Arrest after gunshots in the north end

Police have made an arrest after gunshots rattled a north-end neighbourhood Wednesday night.

Uniformed members, Air1 and a K9 unit swept the area of Powers Street and Pritchard Avenue around 11:20 p.m. after a man was seen with a firearm.

A short time later, while on scene, officers received reports shots had been fired near Powers Street and Selkirk Avenue.

At 11:40 p.m. officers noticed a man matching the description of the suspect in the 400 block of Dufferin Avenue and he was arrested without incident. A firearm and ammunition was recovered.

Harlon James Chornoby, 19, of Winnipeg is facing a number of firearms related offences and has been detained at the Winnipeg Remand Centre. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

Carla Martinelli, founder of the Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter, cuddles with Tanner, who is up for adoption. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

No-kill shelter overflowing with puppies

Puppy power. Close to 70 dogs are currently available for adoption

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Winnipeg's Pet Rescue shelter has gone to the dogs — or, rather, puppies.

The local no-kill shelter is putting a desperate call out for the adoption of dozens of puppies.

"We're so full, it's incredible," said Carla Martinelli, founder and executive director of the shelter. "We're always full but we now have a lot in the shelter and in foster homes."

Martinelli said she has close to 70 dogs available for adoption, with around 35 in her shelter on Portage Avenue.

"Adoptions have been good lately but it's just not keeping up with the number coming in," she said.

Martinelli added that with the good weather right now, it's much easier to get puppies housebroken, since there's no mud from snow and rain.

And if you already have one dog, why not bring another into your home?

"You're allowed three, that's what we tell people," she said with a chuckle.

Adoption

For more information on adopting, call 832-PETS (7387) or visit petrescueshelter.com online.

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Wes Long led the Goldeyes in RBIs. METRO FILE

Three Goldeyes call it a game

The Winnipeg Goldeyes announced Thursday that three of their players have decided to retire.

Pitcher Aaron Cook, outfielder Kody Kaiser and infielder Wes Long have hung up their baseball caps.

Long, who played parts of the last three seasons in Winnipeg, led the Goldeyes in RBIs last season with 81. He hit .264 and added 10 home runs in 91 games. He leaves Winnipeg having played 201 games at shortstop during the past three seasons. His 2009 season was cut short when he suffered a broken ankle midway through the season and in 2010 his contract was purchased by the Florida Marlins in August of that year.

Kaiser and Cook both played one season for the Fish. Kaiser led the Goldeyes in stolen bases last season with 37, while Cook posted a sparkling 1.01 ERA in 28 games out of the bullpen after being signed partway through the season.

"All three of these guys were a big part of the success we had last season and it won't be easy to fill those holes," Goldeyes manager Rick Forney said in a press release. "We wish them the best as they move forward to the next stage of their lives." **METRO**

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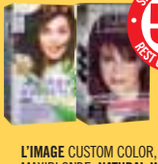

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The Joint Head Shop owner Gabriel Zumer shows off the sort of merchandise his store will be selling at the Taboo Naughty But Nice Show this weekend. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

All sorts of blushes at sex show

Breaking taboos. Naughty But Nice Show not for the kids

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If it makes you blush, it'll be at the Assiniboine Downs this weekend.

The Taboo Naughty But Nice Show brings its "upscale adult playground" to Winnipeg for the third straight year Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"They've got everything from, how do I put it bluntly, dildos and massagers, to pipes and bongs," said the event's publicist Shelley Ostrove while perusing the more than 70 trade booths being set up Thursday morning.

As well as unique shopping opportunities, the show has entertainment (we didn't ask what happens at the Sexy Circus Sideshow), provocative and educational seminars, a latex fashion show and live demonstrations.

"Winnipeg people are very open-minded and keep in mind this is not a dirty show, it's a show for adults," said Ostrove.

"Basically people are going to have a lot of fun looking at the various things."

Adult film star Monique Alexander will also be on hand until Saturday for photographs and autographs with fans.

The Taboo Naughty But Nice Show is a licensed event and only those older than 18 will be allowed in.

The party goes until midnight at the Assiniboine Downs until Saturday and admission is $15 at the door.

Hot lingerie

"They've got something called Jungle Heat.... It's corsets and lingerie, apparently.

Shelley Ostrove, Taboo Naughty but Nice Show publicist

Aboriginal chiefs want guaranteed mining jobs

Industry. Companies bringing in workers for development of the region's minerals, Native groups charge

Northern Manitoba chiefs are saying the provincial government is failing to ensure First Nations get a fair share of jobs and profits from mining activity.

"We want meaningful, significant jobs — where training is provided to us — so that my members would benefit," Chief Larry Knott of the Red Sucker Lake First Nation said Thursday.

Knott and other members of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, the group that represents 30 northern First Nations, say mining companies routinely bring in workers for exploration and development of the region's gold, nickel and other minerals.

They want the Manitoba government to make sure any development includes guaranteed benefits for aboriginals.

"It's the province that allows for permits to go out. It's the province that allows licences to go out," said Chief Arlen Dumas of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.

"It's the province that has the responsibility (for) who is able to access certain portions of work and what not."

The chiefs met briefly with federal Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver and asked him to pressure the province. They pointed to a proposed uranium exploration project put forward by Chinese investors in 2008 in northwestern Manitoba that did not proceed.

"They were just going to hire two or three snowmobiles to transport goods into the mining site ... but they were going to bring in their own workers to come and do the work, which is totally unfair," Grand Chief David Harper said.

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Employment

50%

The province says it is already working to ensure aboriginals benefit from mining. Mines Minister Dave Chomiak pointed to the San Gold operation near Bissett, Man., which he says employs 50 per cent First Nations.

On days like this, everyone wants to be outside

A dog checks out the scene near the corner of Portage Avenue and Memorial Boulevard on Wednesday. Record-breaking temperatures all week meant golf courses opened early, food carts wheeled down the street and Winnipeg landmark ice cream shop BDI says they hope to open at noon on Saturday. Next week will cool off slightly, says Environment Canada, but temps will still be much higher than normal. SEAN LEDWICH/METRO

First nation

Police investigate after woman killed on reserve

RCMP are calling the death of a woman in Dauphin River First Nation a homicide.

Gypsumville RCMP said they were called to a home at about 6 p.m. on Wednesday after a woman was found unresponsive. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene. She was taken to Winnipeg for an autopsy.

No details, including the name of the woman or her age have been released. RCMP continue to investigate. METRO

Relationships. Winnipeg a great place to cheat?

Only a few days after Winnipeg was declared by MoneySense magazine as one of the top 10 places in Canada to live, it's also been declared one of the top 10 Canadian cities to cheat in.

A new poll by website AshleyMadison.com shows Winnipeg is 7th overall in the number of cheater-friendly cities, beating out larger urban centres like Toronto and Vancouver.

AshleyMadison.com, a dating website that "caters to people already in a relationship", according to a press release, said Winnipeg has the seventh-highest number of registered users per capita in Canada.

Winnipeggers are in the top 10 when it comes to cheating on their partners. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

The top cheating city in Canada may (or may not) surprise people, as it's the city with the largest number of politicians: Ottawa. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Fire injury

Winnipeg man severely burned after trying to stoke backyard fire pit

A man is suffering from second- and third-degree burns to his upper body after he tried to light a fire pit at a Winnipeg home.

The man's neighbours say they heard an explosion at the south-side residence early Wednesday evening and ran to see what had happened.

Fire officials say the victim was adding a flammable liquid to the pit and a flashback set his clothes ablaze.

His daughter suffered second-degree burns to her hands when she tried to help her father.

There was minimal damage to the home. Fire officials are urging people to use caution when lighting fires in backyard barbecues and fire pits. CJOB

United Nations

Resolution on Sri Lanka welcomed

Canada welcomed a decision by the United Nations Human Rights Council on Thursday that presses Sri Lanka to properly investigate alleged war crimes in connection with the country's two-and-a-half decade civil war.

Three Canadian parliamentarians are in Sri Lanka this week to evaluate the situation.

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Ill patients

Doctor-assisted suicide should be allowed: Panel

A landmark report in Quebec recommends that doctors be allowed to help terminally ill patients die, in exceptional circumstances, if they want to.

The report was released Thursday in the Quebec legislature, after two years of work from the so-called Dying With Dignity Committee.

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Conflict of interest

Minister broke the rules, watchdog says

Industry Minister Christian Paradis broke conflict-of-interest rules in 2009 when he gave a former Tory colleague preferential treatment to pitch for a government contract, the Commons ethics watchdog said Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Island

Stranded teens survive ordeal

Five teenagers have survived two cold, snowy nights on a remote logging road on Vancouver Island after their truck ran out of gas, leaving them with no cellphone service and without any emergency supplies.

RCMP say two women and three men, aged 17 to 19, set off Monday in a four-wheel-drive truck down a road that was covered in deep snow, but ran out of fuel near Lake Cowichan.

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McClintic denies being 'engine' behind murder

Warning. Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers

Terri-Lynne McClintic is transported from court in London on March 16.
DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The woman convicted of killing Victoria Stafford flatly denied a suggestion Thursday that she was the "engine" behind a plot that went deeper than she has let on, saying she didn't think she was walking the eight-year-old girl to her death.

"I take full responsibility for my actions," Terri-Lynne McClintic told court. "I did what I did. But I'm not the only guilty party here, and that's why I'm sitting here today."

The 21-year-old is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, but is now testifying at the trial of her ex-boyfriend. Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

The jury has now seen how McClintic's story about the events of April 8, 2009, the day Tori disappeared, has morphed from an all-out denial, to saying she was there but didn't see how Tori died, to saying Rafferty raped Tori and then killed her using a hammer, to now saying it was she who inflicted the fatal blows.

The latest version of events first came up at a counselling session just days before the start of Rafferty's pre-trial in January, court heard. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McClintic's writing

Journal entries 'disturbing': Lawyer

Michael Rafferty's lawyer Dirk Derstine cross-examined McClintic about journal writings filled with what he called "deeply disturbing, horrifically violent imagery." McClintic wrote about wanting to grab a random person, mutilate them, smash their skull and inflict various manners of torture upon them. At the time she wrote them, she said, a year or two before Tori's murder, she used her writing as an outlet to vent her rage.

"You confessed under oath to beating a child to death with a hammer," Derstine said. "That's a little bit more than anger issues, wouldn't you agree?"

McClintic said she's not proud of who she was then, but she underwent a transformation in July 2008 when she got in touch with her emotions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A nip and a tuck sans the buck in Brazil

Free to be (a better) me. Enhancing one's appearance seen as beneficial to mental health in Brazil

Free Botox and laser hair removal, free chemical peels and anti-cellulite treatments may at first seem shockingly frivolous in a country like Brazil — which, despite phenomenal economic growth in recent years that has lifted millions out of extreme poverty, still battles with diseases like tuberculosis and dengue.

But the philosophy behind the more than 220 clinics across Brazil that treat thousands of maids, receptionists, waitresses and others is simple: Beauty is a right, and everyone deserves to be ravishing.

The Brazilian Society of Aesthetic Medicine's Rio clinic has performed free procedures on more than 14,000 patients since its founding in 1997, said Dr. Nelson Rosas, who heads the Rio branch.

Good looks, doctors argue, are more than skin deep, and by treating what patients view as physical flaws doctors are often also healing their psyches.

The notion that beauty treatments can act in much the same way as psychoanalysis, helping free patients from crippling neuroses, was pioneered over the past decades by celebrated Brazilian plastic surgeon Ivo Pitanguy.

Nicknamed the "philosopher of plastic surgery" for his intellectual and psychoanalytical take on the vocation, 85-year-old Pitanguy is largely responsible for Brazil's reputation as a world leader in the field and a top destination for cosmetic surgery tourism.

His skill with the scalpel catapulted him to international fame — the surgeon is arguably Brazil's second most famous person after soccer legend Pele. It's made him the go-to man for A-list celebrities, international statesmen and royalty seeking a quick fix to their esthetic woes. Pitanguy's long and illustrious patient roster is said to include such luminaries as Zsa Zsa Gabor, Francois Mitterrand and Brigitte Bardot, although the discreet doctor has rarely named names. Pitanguy's handicraft on the world's rich and famous allowed him to join their ranks — he commutes to Rio by helicopter from his own private island. But he has remained attentive to the less privileged. More than half a century ago, he founded a surgical wing to help treat the poor. While the wing at the Santa Casa de Misericordia hospital in Rio focuses on reconstructive operations for burn victims and people with serious deformations, it also provides discounted cosmetic procedures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Face the facts

Surgery statistic:

- With more than 11.5 million operations a year, Brazil is the world's second biggest consumer of plastic surgery after the United States.

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Study. Living in sin before marriage not bad if couple is committed

New research by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests times have changed from the days when living together signalled poor chances for a successful marriage later on.

"It's not playing as big a role in predicting divorce as it used to," said Casey Copen, lead author of the study.

The study found those who were engaged and living together before the wedding were about as likely to have marriages that lasted 15 years as couples who hadn't lived together. Couples living together who weren't engaged were more likely to get divorced.

For example, for women, there was about a 60 per cent likelihood a marriage would survive 15 years if the couple either hadn't lived together before the wedding or were engaged while they were sharing the same living space.

But if no marriage commitment was made while she and her boyfriend were living together, divorce numbers rose seven per cent.

Commitment makes a difference. In women with long marriages who lived with their spouse first, firm belief in a future was a common theme.

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Study also found:

- **50/50.** Nearly half of first marriages will break up within 20 years.
- **Background.** Asian women were the most likely to be in a long-lasting first marriage.

Dominica. Two men fined for having public sex during cruise stopover

Two Southern California men pleaded guilty on Thursday to indecent exposure in Dominica after they were arrested during a stop on a gay cruise in the Caribbean.

The men's attorney, Bernadette Lambert, said they were remorseful.

"They were struck by the beautiful mountains, the clean and clear fresh air and were having a few cocktails, and so threw caution to the wind," she told the court.

The chief magistrate ordered the men to pay a nearly $900 fine after calling them "rogues and vagabonds." Police drove the men to the airport after they were released.

The president of the company organizing the cruise said the outcome of the case would have been the same for a heterosexual couple instead of two gay men.

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Brazil

Chip-imbedded uniforms track kids

Grade-school students in Vitoria da Conquista, Brazil, are using uniforms embedded with locator chips that help alert parents if they're cutting classes, the city's education secretary said Thursday. By 2013, all of the city's 43,000 public school students, aged four to 14, will be using the chip-embedded T-shirts.

Radio frequency chips in "intelligent uniforms" let a computer know when children enter school and it sends a text message to their cellphones. Parents are also alerted if kids don't show up 20 minutes after classes begin.

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Want a liquor licence? Ban rap first, Quebec bar told

Diane Marois, co-owner of Le Pionnier. Quebec's liquor-control board has forced the suburban Montreal show bar to outlaw hip-hop and rap acts in exchange for an alcohol permit. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ban on beats.

Anti-racism group calls board's decision discriminatory

The new operators of a suburban Montreal bar promise to showcase the big hair of 1980s tribute bands, stacks of jumbo chicken wings and maybe even a mechanical bull.

But to ensure the watering hole could add booze to that list, they had to promise to do away with live hip-hop and rap performances.

Quebec's liquor-control board told the incoming managers of Le Pionnier to outlaw the music genres if they wanted any hope of acquiring a licence.

An anti-racism group and Facebook protest page say the move smacks of discrimination against black people. But the venue's co-owner, who took over the bar last fall, said she had no choice but to agree because the joint needs to serve suds to survive.

"I don't think it's right in the first place, but ... I'd rather be up and running with a limited venue as opposed to being closed," said Diane Marois, who co-owns the bar with her husband.

A spokeswoman for the liquor board said it's "normal" in Quebec for permit applications to include conditions that forbid specific types of musical acts.

Marois said she's surprised how much influence police now wield when it comes to the operations of bars.

"I feel the police ... they're stepping out of their bounds," she said.

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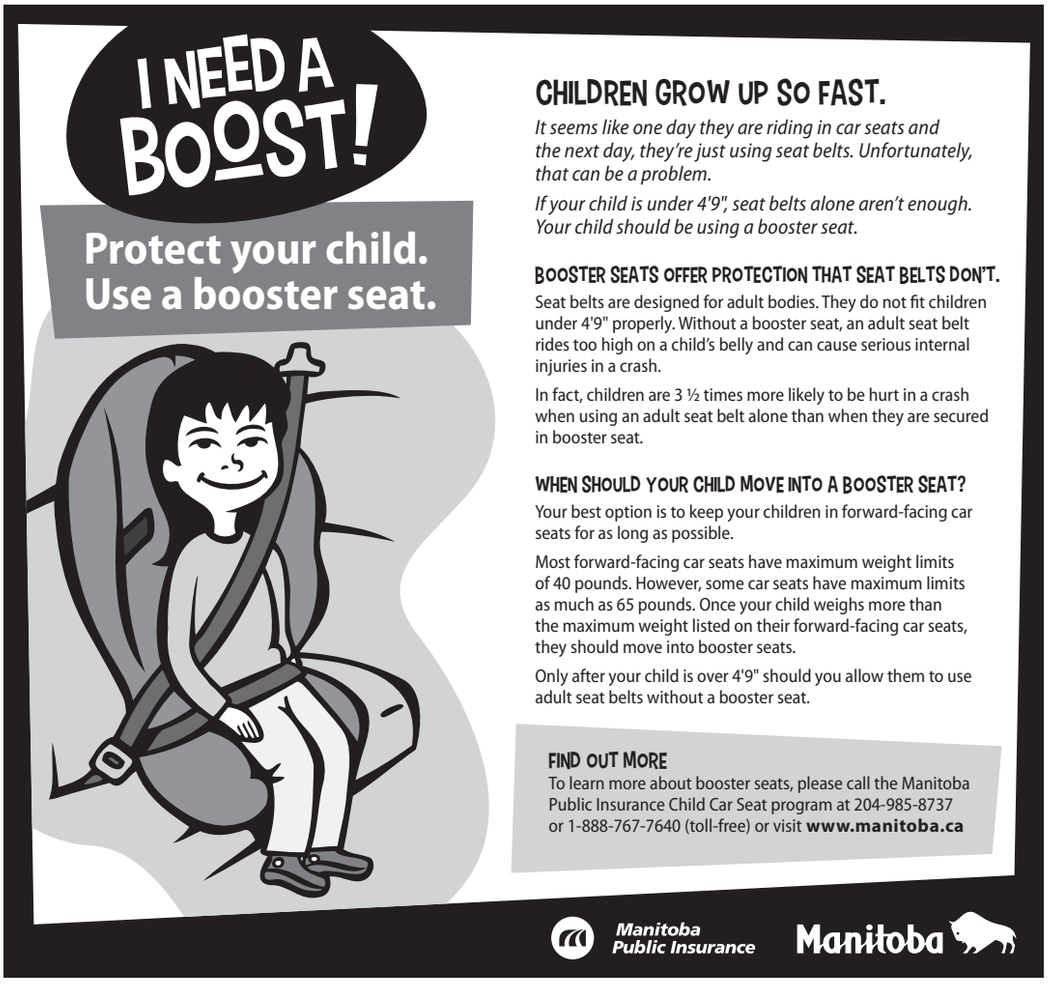
Quotable

"We are the guardians of the permits — a permit is not a right, it's a privilege."

Joyce Tremblay, liquor board spokeswoman, who added local police asked the board to include the no-hip-hop condition.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Renegade soldiers in Mali oust president

Fall of democracy.
Drunken soldiers loot presidency after coup, just weeks ahead of national election

Anxious residents run past soldiers in Bamako, Mali, Thursday. HABIBOU KOUYATE/GETTY IMAGES

Drunk soldiers looted Mali's presidential palace hours after they declared a coup on Thursday, suspending the constitution and dissolving the institutions of one of the few established democracies in this troubled corner of Africa.

The whereabouts of the country's 63-year-old president Amadou Toumani Toure, who was just one month away from stepping down after a decade in office, could not be confirmed. The United States Embassy issued a statement dispelling rumours that he had sought refuge in their compound.

Soldiers smelling of alcohol ripped flat-screen TVs, computer monitors, printers and photocopiers out of the presidential palace, carting them off in plain sight. Others in pickup trucks zoomed across the broad avenues, holding beer bottles in one hand and firing automatic weapons with the other.

The mutineers said they were overthrowing the government because of its mishandling of an ethnic Tuareg insurgency in the country's north that began in January.

Tens of thousands of Malian civilians have been forced to flee. The soldiers sent to fight the separatists have been killed in large numbers, often after being sent to the battlefield with inadequate arms and food supplies, prompting fierce criticism of the government.

The coup began Wednesday, after young troops mutinied at a military camp near the capital. The rioting spread to a garrison thousands of kilometres away in the strategic northern town of Gao.

Criticism of the coup was swift. France is suspending all government cooperation with Mali, except for aid. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said officials were meeting to discuss whether to cut off the $137 million in annual U.S. assistance.

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Reaction

"The situation is grave for our democracy and our republican institutions. We cannot approve the seizing of power through force."
Ali Nouhoum Diallo
Former president of Mali's National Assembly

Ousted president

- **The coup is a major setback for Mali, a landlocked nation of 15.4 million that is poor but fiercely proud of its democratic credentials.**
- **The current president came to power himself in a 1991 coup.** He surprised the world when he handed power to civilians, becoming known as The Soldier of Democracy.

Autopsy. Drowning killed Whitney Houston, but cocaine contributed

Whitney Houston. DAN STEINBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whitney Houston was a chronic cocaine user who had the drug in her system when she drowned in a hotel bathtub, coroner's officials said Thursday after releasing autopsy findings that also noted heart disease contributed to her death.

The disclosure ended weeks of speculation about what killed the Grammy-winning singer on Feb. 11.

Houston was found submerged in the bathtub of her room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and her death was ruled accidental. Several bottles of prescription medications were found in her hotel room, but coroner's officials said there weren't excessive quantities.

Beverly Hills police said in a statement there was no evidence of wrongdoing in connection with Houston's death.

Coroner's Chief of Operations Craig Harvey said cocaine and its by-products were found in Houston's system, and the drug was listed as a contributing factor in her death. He said the results indicated Houston was a chronic cocaine user.

Toxicology results also showed Houston had marijuana, Xanax, the muscle relaxant Flexeril, and the allergy medication Benadryl in her system. Houston died just hours before she was scheduled to appear at producer Clive Davis' pre-Grammy Awards bash.

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Allegations

General suspects Tories leaked story about jet use

Canada's top soldier suspected the Conservative government was behind a plot to damage his reputation when reports emerged last fall that he had used a Challenger jet to join his family on a Caribbean cruise.

Gen. Walter Natynczyk, the chief of defence staff, aired his suspicion after learning a journalist got hold of flight logs that showed him using the military jet to attend sports events, the Calgary Stampede and to catch up to a family trip to the island of Saint Maarten in 2010.

He had missed his scheduled departure in order to attend a repatriation ceremony for four soldiers and a journalist killed in Afghanistan. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Regime forces recapture major strongholds in Syrian conflict

Warzone. Prospects for international action in war-torn Syria fading as momentum shifts in regime's favour

As world leaders close ranks against Syrian leader Bashar Assad, U.S. President Barack Obama summed up the popular wisdom during a recent White House press conference: "Ultimately, this dictator will fall."

That prediction may be premature. Regime forces have retaken the major opposition strongholds, the rebels are low on money and guns, and the U.N. has ruled out any military intervention of the type that tipped the scales against Libya's Moammar Gadhafi.

Relying on the scorched-earth tactics that have kept his family in power for more than 40 years, Assad is in no immediate danger of falling.

Syria's rebels are turning to guerrilla tactics, such as roadside bombs and ambushes, and terrorist groups like al-Qaida appear to be entering the fray and exploiting the chaos. Assad could hang on indefinitely while an already violent conflict metastasizes into an insurgency that lays waste to the country.

"The international community and the West have been standing by and watching Syria be torn apart," Syrian activist Fadi al-Yassin told The Associated Press on Thursday, speaking by satellite phone from the northern province of Idlib.

Growing fear

"In the end, we worry that there will be no state left for us to build on."
Fadi al-Yassin, Syrian activist

The U.N. estimates that more than 8,000 people have been killed since the uprising began a year ago in a grim cycle of attack and reprisal.

NATO, the U.N. and the U.S. and its allies have all but ruled out foreign military intervention.

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Syrian rebels stand next to a destroyed building that was damaged by the shelling of the government forces Tuesday at Rastan town in central Syria. Troops shelled and raided opposition areas and clashed with rebel fighters around the country Thursday despite U.N. efforts to stop the bloodshed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Viral video adds new dimension to North Korea

Students at the Kumsong school in North Korea became an Internet sensation after covering A-ha's pop song "Take on Me." KIM KWANG HYON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As five North Korean teenagers wearing school uniforms grind their accordions into song, what comes out is no sombre ode to either of the late leaders.

Instead, as more than 1.5 million YouTube viewers already know, it's one of the poppiest of 1980s pop songs, A-ha's "Take on Me."

The catchy cover by three young men and two women, recorded in December, became a sensation as it challenged the world's preconceptions about North Koreans.

After taking their arrangement to Norway to perform at an Arctic arts festival, lead player Choe Hyang Hwa and fellow band members gave The Associated Press a peek into their lives at the Kumsong school in Pyongyang.

Norwegian artist Morten Traavik, who recorded the video during a trip to the school, said the performance hints at how much outsiders don't know about North Koreans.

"For many it is a revelation that North Koreans open up and play Western pop music with such great joy," he said last month. "My idea is to challenge our perceptions of North Koreans."

Traavik invited the ensemble to an arts festival last month in Kirkenes, on Norway's Arctic border with Russia.

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French standoff ends with accused murder suspect shot dead

Shock. Suspect in deaths of three locals, three children and a rabbi boasted of crimes

In a dramatic end to a 32-hour standoff, a masked French SWAT team slipped into the apartment of an Islamist extremist Thursday, sparking a firefight that ended with the suspect jumping out the window and being shot dead in the head.

Mohamed Merah, 23, was wanted in the deaths of three French paratroopers, three Jewish schoolchildren and a rabbi — all killed since March 11 in what Merah reportedly told police was an attempt to "bring France to its knees."

Police had been trying to capture him alive since a predawn raid Wednesday to arrest him at his apartment in the southwestern city of Toulouse.

The killings he was accused of — and boasted about to police — have shocked France, ignited fear in moderate Muslims about stoking discrimination and may even affect the country's upcoming presidential election.

Police officers work outside suspect Mohamed Merah's apartment in Toulouse, France, on Thursday. THIBAULT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The seven slayings, carried out in three motorcycle shooting attacks, are believed to be the first killings inspired by Islamic radical motives in France since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, speaking in Paris, said an investigation was under way to see if Merah, a French citizen of Algerian descent who claimed links to al-Qaida, had any accomplices.

His mother and a brother were detained Wednesday by police after the mother's computer bewcame a critical link in tracking Merah down.

The brother, Abdelkader, had already been linked to Iraqi Islamist networks.

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Indian market gutted by fire

A shop owner gestures to firefighters, amid debris of shops destroyed in a fire at Hatibagan market in Kolkata Thursday. More than 200 shops and 1,200 stalls have been gutted in the fire in one of the oldest markets in the city, according to the police. No casualties have been reported. BIKAS DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pipeline. Obama fast-tracks part of Keystone

U.S. President Barack Obama
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U.S. President Barack Obama pushed Thursday for the speedy approval for the southern leg of TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline as he insisted oil has an important place in his national energy plans.

"Today, I am directing my administration to cut through red tape, break through bureaucratic hurdles and make this project a priority," Obama said to applause as he stood in front of stacks of pipe to be used to build a portion of Keystone XL from Cushing, Okla., to Gulf Coast refineries.

The southern leg of Keystone XL is already slated to begin construction as early as June. Calgary-based TransCanada has been waiting for a permit from just one remaining agency overseeing public works, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tech troubles

Megaupload host: Pay expenses or lose data

The company hosting the frozen data of millions of users of the file-sharing site Megaupload says somebody needs to pay the company's bill or allow it to delete the data.

Carpathia Hosting filed an emergency motion this week in U.S. federal court in Virginia seeking protection from the expense of hosting the data of up to 66 million users. It says it is using more than 1,100 servers to store the 25 million gigabytes of data.

In the motion filed Tuesday, the Virginia-based company said it is paying $9,000 a day to host the data, which works out to more than $500,000 since January. That is when U.S. authorities shut down the Megaupload site and worked with authorities in New Zealand to have its founder, Kim Dotcom, arrested. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

European economy. Ireland's recession took double dip, says report

Ireland dropped back into recession at the end of 2011, government statisticians reported Thursday in a worrying sign for the country's efforts to emerge from an international bailout.

The Central Statistics Agency said gross domestic product fell 0.2 per cent in the October-December quarter. That came on top of a 1.1 per cent decline in the previous quarter, putting Ireland in a new recession — technically defined as two consecutive quarters of economic contraction.

As part of its bailout, the lenders expect Ireland to cut its deficits to three per cent of GDP by 2016. The Irish government is aiming for 8.6 per cent this year, but few economists think that outlook is credible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research in Motion's once-ubiquitous BlackBerry smartphone is now being outsold by Apple's iPhone in Canada, a new report shows. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians hang up on BlackBerry

Falling behind. Even corporate and government markets are moving away from RIM's smartphones, toward other brands

Research In Motion has been ousted from the top spot in the Canadian smartphone market by Apple's iPhone.

"The new smartphones that compete with BlackBerry — they're not worse and they're cooler," said Queen's University marketing professor and tech expert John Pliniussen.

The Waterloo, Ont., company shipped just more than two million BlackBerrys last year in Canada, compared with 2.85 million units for Apple, says a report by Bloomberg, based on data compiled by Bloomberg and tech trends firm IDC.

Smartphones using Google's Android operating system, like Samsung, Motorola and HTC, also have been eating away at RIM's market share globally.

RIM has stepped up its marketing efforts to promote BlackBerrys in North America, especially the lucrative U.S. market, where tech-savvy consumers haven't been buying as many of them.

BlackBerrys simply aren't being pitched hard enough to consumers, Pliniussen said.

"The average business person is seeing everybody using Apples and there is a seduction about being cool and having the latest." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 **Body of work:** Charlie Sheen's porn-star ex-girlfriend Bree Olson produced a video designed to hasten the capture of fugitive Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony. The clip shows a bikini-clad Olson wiggling in the sand, while flashing harsh images of the conflict. Because nothing screams "justice" quite like a healthy dose of cleavage. Where was she when we were trying to free Nelson Mandela?

2 **Punk'd in Space:** Sir Richard Branson has declared that his Virgin Galactic spaceships "are built and flying in the final stages of our exhaustive test flight program." Tickets to outer space will cost about $200,000 US. Ashton Kutcher has already signed on for the Virgin voyage, and will attempt to stash his assets far from Demi Moore.

3 **Take a byte:** Thousands of consumers lined up outside of Apple's flagship stores in NYC last week to buy the newest iPad. Investment firm UBS conducted a survey to find out why customers hadn't attempted to order online. A handful of people stated, "What else would we do on a Friday night? We're nerds."

4 **Poetic Demeanor:** Congrats to Kris Demeanor on becoming Calgary's first poet laureate. He hopes to find creative ways to get Calgarians into the enjoyment of language. Engaging Canadian youth might be a challenge, but perhaps he can create rhymes in SMS. "R U well? Luv ur smell. Lol." Good luck, Kris!

5 **Sign of the times:** So jaded are sports fans in Toronto that when a player like Phil Kessel actually reaches peak performance, all we can say is "Quick, trade him!" The rationale, of course, is that it's got to be downhill from here. I liken this to my wife serving me leftovers from a delicious home-cooked meal, and saying, "Eat fast. It's just about to rot."

6 **Retro in HD:** This Sunday marks the long-awaited two-hour premiere of Mad Men's 5th season. The show is popular among those nostalgic for a time when men had body hair and women had real breasts. Also recommended for anyone feeling guilty about their parenting skills, or how much they drink and smoke.

7 **Ready to Rumba:** Dancing with the Stars premiered this week with an odd crew of has-beens, might-bes and barely-ares. Nevertheless, after watching 15 intermittent minutes, I am prepared to make predictions. A "Pip-less" Gladys Knight will lose early, but thank the lord for the journey. Urkel will do the robot at least once and Martina Navratilova will struggle not to lead. Finalists: Welsh soprano Katherine Jenkins, Latino stud William Levy and Prairie star Melissa Gilbert.

8 **Beach-body:** Every spring we discover our "winter fat" and torture ourselves with diets. Now, there is a great new book called Unjunk Your Junk Food, for people (like me) who refuse to forgo the sweets for more than a couple of days. Instead of contradicting Marie Antoinette, Andrea Donsky and friends will simply tell you which cake to choose. A free sneak peek is available for download at naturallysavvy.com. Also, when returning from the supermarket, try taking the stairs.

The cast of Mad Men. AMC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harnessing the sun

Obama takes a shine to solar energy

BOULDER CITY, NEV. Amid soaring fuel prices, Obama finds solace in solar.

U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at Copper Mountain Solar 1 facility, the largest photovoltaic solar plant in the United States. Obama is on a four-state trip to promote renewable fuels and increasing domestic oil and gas production.

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Bright facts

- **Most untapped renewable resource.** More energy hits Earth from the sun in one hour than the whole planet uses all year; 120,000 terrawatts of solar energy hits Earth daily. Over one year, Earth uses 15 terrawatts of energy.
- **Poor-efficiency conversion.** Solar panels now have efficiency conversion rate of 15 per cent; water turbines up to 90 per cent.

He says:

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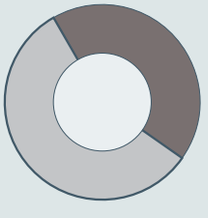

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Jennifer Lawrence has found the role she'll likely forever be associated with in The Hunger Games. HANDOUT

Film will satisfy hungry fans

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

The Hunger Games.
Jennifer Lawrence brings an emotional richness to the book's main character, Katniss Everdeen

Richard: Mark, from its opening moments, The Hunger Games feels more intimate than your average blockbuster thanks to some inventive hand held camera work. And that's a good thing. As fans of the books know, the focus of the story is the characters. Sure, they are thrown into a wild situation, but admiring Katniss Everdeen's inner strength and courage or Peeta Mellark's big heart is as important to the success of the story as are the action scenes or the dystopian premise. What did you think?

Mark: Yes, but I never quite saw Katniss and Peeta as a couple, perhaps because she seems so much more savvy than him, or perhaps because he has the name of a Lebanese flatbread. But Jennifer Lawrence is strong enough to carry this movie on her own, anyway; she's that good. As far as the rest of the film goes, I loved the first 40 minutes — everything that leads up to the actual games — but found the rest of it a bigger budget version of Survivor on steroids.

RC: Lawrence has found the role that she will, likely, forever be associated with and brings substance to it. She gives Katniss a rich inner life — you can see the machinations of the character churning behind her eyes. Without her level of performance this would be a far less interesting movie. Having said that, I enjoyed the movie's steampunk world; that mix of old and new to create something familiar, yet strange.

MB: I thought the art direction and costuming of the capitol really created a vivid portrayal of a decadent, fey society. Although I have to say that Elizabeth Banks' over the top Marie Antoinette impression was grating and out of whack with even the most satirical elements of the movie. And the satire worked for me — it isn't really that far from current reality shows. Although there were derivative elements in the story, using teenagers as contestants amps up the cruelty factor.

RC: I enjoyed Banks. I thought she brought some much-needed levity to a grim story about kids killing one another. But as much as I enjoyed the movie — and I really did — I couldn't help but wonder what a truly visionary director like Terry Gilliam might have done with this material.

MB: Yes, I did think Gary Ross, director of sweet fare like Pleasantville and writer of Big, was an odd choice. But casting Woody Harrelson as the mentor? *Brilliant* choice!

Synopsis

- The Hunger Games is set in Panem, a dystopian world ruled by a fascistic leader (Donald Sutherland). Each year the state holds The Hunger Games, a battle to death between 24 players, two from each of the country's districts. The televised games are equal parts Miss Universe, American Idol and Death Race. The story follows two "tributes" from District 12: Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson), two reluctant warriors whose survival is at stake.

- Richard ●●●●○
- Mark ●●●○○

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Alabama honours Octavia

Oscar-winning actress Octavia Spencer is being honoured at the Alabama Statehouse, where about 400 people turned out to welcome her. Spencer won this year's best supporting actress Oscar for her performance as a maid in The Help. She rode up to the Statehouse in a pink limousine for the Wednesday ceremony. As she stepped out, she was serenaded by the band from her alma mater, Jefferson Davis High School. A Montgomery native, Spencer told the crowd that she would do whatever she could to see that more movies are made in Alabama. She also cautioned young people in the audience to think twice before heading to Hollywood to become a movie star.
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Putting The Hunger Games' Panem on the map

Investigation

How she placed the districts

Arrow took clues from the book — North America was said to be destroyed by cataclysmic event; District 12 is said to have once been the Appalachians. She used a phi spiral — a logarithmic shape that gets wider by every quarter turn — to place the evil Capitol in the centre. The rest was just guesswork.

Time it took

4 1/2

The whole project took V. Arrow and her friend about four and a half days combined to research and six to seven hours to draw out. But, she's been tinkering with details over the last six months to make it more scientifically accurate.

Experience pays off

This isn't her first world map

Arrow also completed one detailing the world of Matched by Ally Condie. But the Panem map will always hold a special place. She was especially proud that the A.V. Club wrote about her efforts, even though they did mention she might be a bit crazy. "I consider it a nerd badge of honour to be called a 'fruit loop'" she says. Her obsession doesn't end there. In The Panem Companion, Arrow details the sociological and psychological implications of Panem.

Fan-made

Mapping Panem

The world of Panem has captivated The Hunger Games fans. Now, thanks to a dedicated writer-turned-cartographer, readers can visualize the region. The map was created by a previously published fiction writer who goes by the pen name V. Arrow.

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Next up...

Clock map not a big enough challenge

V. Arrow considered doing a map of the clock arena from Catching Fire, but thought it wouldn't be a big challenge.

Quoted

"I was interested in how different the story was from the (typical) unification of a country."

V. Arrow on her motivation for building the map of Panem.

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"The approach to that kind of work is so exciting and fascinating and very different from the kind of projects and the way I'd approached my work before that... It was wonderful and scary too."

Former Corner Gas cast member Gabrielle Miller, On working on director Carl Bessai's new film Sisters & Brothers. He discussed the character relationships with the actors, but allowed them to perform without a script.

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Drama

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Director. Lasse Hallstrom

Stars. Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt

Aiming for gentle charm and arriving at mercilessly manufactured whimsy, Salmon Fishing in the Yemen is an embarrassment to its talented stars Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt and par for the course for pseudo-prestige director Lasse Hallstrom. Hallstrom's plodding, tonally uneven direction makes matters even worse — soft-focus romance and terrorist plots are treated with a lazy, glossy attitude.

ADAM NAYMAN

Will Lily Collins be the fairest of all?

Mirror Mirror. Young actress talks about her new role, and giving the beloved Snow White story some modern twists

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Mirror Mirror opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Lily Collins faces the tall order with director Tarsem Singh's Mirror, Mirror — namely, putting a non-animated face and an updated spin on perhaps the most classic of fairy tales, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. But it's a challenge she's been happy to tackle.

Did you ever think, in playing a fairy tale princess, that you'd get to do an action movie training montage?

No! I mean, it was written in the script that she meets the dwarves and there would be sword fighting, but the script changed so much during filming that this montage, when it was added, I thought, "This is going to be so much fun to shoot." It took a long time to shoot, but when it's all cut together with the music, it's just so fun. And I never thought that I'd be sword-fighting and fencing and learning all these cool stunts. You sign on to do a princess; you don't think she's going to be fighting in it.

It is an interesting update. Fairy tales traditionally aren't great for the their female characters — lots of sitting around and pining, waiting to be rescued.

And that's what we did not want. We didn't want to take the animation and just make it live-action. We wanted to take it and have a reason to redo it. In today's day and age, girls are very empowered to do the same things that guys do. And young girls want to see movies that show people that they admire are not needing the prince as much as they used to — or the fact that a princess can save a prince just as much as a prince can save a princess.

How was it playing opposite Armie Hammer with these new takes on Snow White and Prince Charming?

It was fun because we both agreed from the get-go it's a very Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy back-and-forth — not just the physicality of the sword-fighting but the physicality of the language because it is so back and forth, and we're both trying to one-up each other in conversations. It was very playful.

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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20 Mon 12:15-2:45 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:20
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Guitarist Slash Poses for a photograph in Toronto. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 questions for Slash

The former Guns 'N Roses man speaks out. Talks about his new album, his love of Canadians and how his pet snake likes music

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For a Guns 'N Roses survivor — and someone who's been saved by defibrillator paddles three times — Slash looks awfully healthy sitting in his Toronto hotel suite on the eve of Canadian Music Week (CMW).

You must like coming up for this event.
I love coming up here —twice in three years — but the timing for CMW is just something that sorta happens.

This album is billed as Slash featuring Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators. Why?
The first solo record I did was called Slash but when we took the band on the road, I called it Slash featuring Myles Kennedy (Slash's singer).

That became a bigger event than I expected. So when I thought about doing another record with Brent (Fitz, drummer) and Todd (Kearns, bassist, ex of Age of Electric), I needed to give some kind of credit to the guys who were the backline.

Quote

"Ian has a great voice and he did an audition for Velvet Revolver."
Slash
Speaking about Ian Thornley.

You seem to have a thing for hiring Canadians for your band.
Brent is from Ottawa, or Toronto?

He's gonna kill me. And Todd is from Vancouver. He's a great singer, too.

Tell me about Ian Thornley.
Ian has a great voice and he did an audition for Velvet Revolver. The catch was he wanted to play guitar.

You recently appeared on the U.K. edition of Top Gear. How was that?
It was OK although I couldn't get the hang of the left-hand stick in the rain. The Stig couldn't understand why I had issues.

How did the commercials for the Los Angeles Zoo with Betty White come about?
Me and Betty are on the board for the zoo. There's a new reptile exhibit and I'm a big reptile guy. We just thought it would be fun.

You got to play at Muhammed Ali's 70th birthday celebration.
That was a tremendous honour. He's one of my idols.

You've done some recording with Steve Adler (GNR drummer in the Appetite for Destruction era).
I got him to play on my record and I promised that if he'd stay clean, I'd play on his.

Word is that your snake, Sam, really likes the new album, Apocalyptic Love (due May 22).
The first time through he just lay there. The second time he was all over the cage. So I figure he either digs it or wants to move.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction ceremony: what's going to happen?
I don't know. I'm just going to show up.

A universal question: Is it Friday yet?

Country music album hitting home with Canadians. Gord Bamford's feel-good anthem hitting stride

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Ottawa

Whether you're touring country musician Gord Bamford or an office-tower type, you probably know the feeling: you're working so dang hard you're not even sure if it's Friday yet.

The title track of Canadian country singer Bamford's latest album, Is It Friday Yet? has hit home with all kinds of Canadians, he said Tuesday while preparing for a small private show in Ottawa.

"I'm definitely going to be getting that question the rest of my life," he said.

"It doesn't matter if you're in an office tower in Toronto or Ottawa or a tractor in some rural community, everybody can't wait for the weekend."

When he's not on tour, Bamford is waiting for the weekend so he can spend time with his three kids, he said. Bamford grew up with country music in Lacombe, Alta.

He got a start by winning the Nornet Radio Network's Search for the Stars, a much lower-profile competition than the reality TV competitions of today, he said.

"They're definitely creating a lot of stars out of reality television these days," he said.

"Some people are getting an opportunity they never would I guess if they were doing it the hard way, coming up through the trenches."

Gord Bamford stands behind the bar at The Crazy Horse in Ottawa. He sings about waiting for an "ice-cold beer" in his song Is It Friday Yet? But Bamford said his drink of choice is vodka. JESSICA SMITH / METRO

Despite his radio competition win, Bamford says he worked hard playing shows at small bars on his way up, something that shows in the subject matter and success of Is It Friday Yet?

"It's just a feel-good anthem song that's done real good for us so far," he said.

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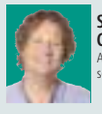
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I've been following the progress of Burlington, Ontario's Walk Off the Earth ever since they posted their five people/one guitar performance of Gotye's Somebody That I Used to Know back in January. As I write this, the video has been viewed 74,423,421 times. That's about one-tenth the number of people who have seen Justin Bieber's Baby, but it's still a magnificent achievement, especially for an indie band.

If you've watched any music video on YouTube, you'll have seen the ads that come with each one. YouTube is the world's largest streamer of music and these ads have allowed it to monetize what many once believed was un-monetizable.

I was curious about what this means in financial terms to artists like Walk Off the Earth, so I talked to some people in the industry who know how such things work. Let's try to estimate things, shall we? YouTube's payment rate is approximately $2.50 CPM, which means for every one thousand views of a video, it pays out $2.50 US. YouTube keeps 50 per cent of all revenues. Fifteen per cent goes to the rights holder of the song (the publisher/copyright holder) while the remaining amount — 35 per cent — goes to the performer. Now let's do the math. First, divide 74.5 million views by 1,000 to get the CPM number. Multiply that number (74,500) by $2.50 and you have total gross advertising revenues of $186,250. Of that, YouTube keeps half, which is $93,125. The rest is divided between the publisher (15 per cent of $186,250 or about $28,000; Gotye gets a piece of this) and the band (35 per cent of $186,250 or a shade over $65,000). Finally, divide that amount amongst the five members of the band and you have earnings of $13,000 each.

Not bad when you consider that this is the product of 14 hours work in front of a video camera but a little sobering when you consider how difficult it is to get that many people to watch a single video.

Janie Bryant's latest collection for Banana Republic —inspired by Mad Men Season 5. HANDOUT

'It's about an era of lounging poolside'

Janie Bryant. The Mad Men costume designer talks Season 5 and her latest Banana Republic collection

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The new season of Mad Men has been shrouded in CIA-like secrecy. As the premiere date draws closer, we try our best to extract a few clues about what to expect from costume designer Janie Bryant.

Now that we're just days away from the season premiere and the cast photos have been released, what can you reveal about the look of the characters? How has their wardrobe evolved since last season?
Honestly, I'm sworn to secrecy until the premiere on March 25. You'll have to wait and see!

OK, how does the new Mad Men collection for Banana Republic reflect the look of Season 5?
Our second collection was inspired by the characters while at the club because of the fun contrast to the home and office settings. It's about an era of lounging poolside or attending a 4th of July barbecue in a crisp blue polo shirt and stunning the crowd in a lush ivory dress.

When creating the collection, were you obligated to design it in such a way that wouldn't give away too many details about the actual show?
For this collection, [Banana Republic creative director Simon Kneen] and I talked a lot about the characters and scenes that inspired us, the roles they were playing, the emotions they're going through, and worked to translate all that context into beautiful design. We stayed with the traditional Mad Men look that viewers have come to love.

The new collection manages to feel both vintage and very 2012.
It was about taking a vintage look and updating it with a modern twist. We took some of our favourite trending colours and prints, like the bright pinks and large florals in some of the women's pieces, and fit them on a '60s silhouette, like a capri pant or nip-waist dress.

The first four seasons of Mad Men helped spark a global obsession with the mid-century way of dressing, influencing an entire season of ready-to-wear collections. Do you think Season 5 will do the same thing for late '60s dressing?
People identify with the costume design of the characters and there has already been a clear resurgence of 1960s trends on runways this spring. Beautiful, dressed-up tailoring with emphasis on the waist; bright colours for ladies; and tailored, slim-cut apparel for men are all making a comeback. But as far as Season 5 goes I really can't comment!

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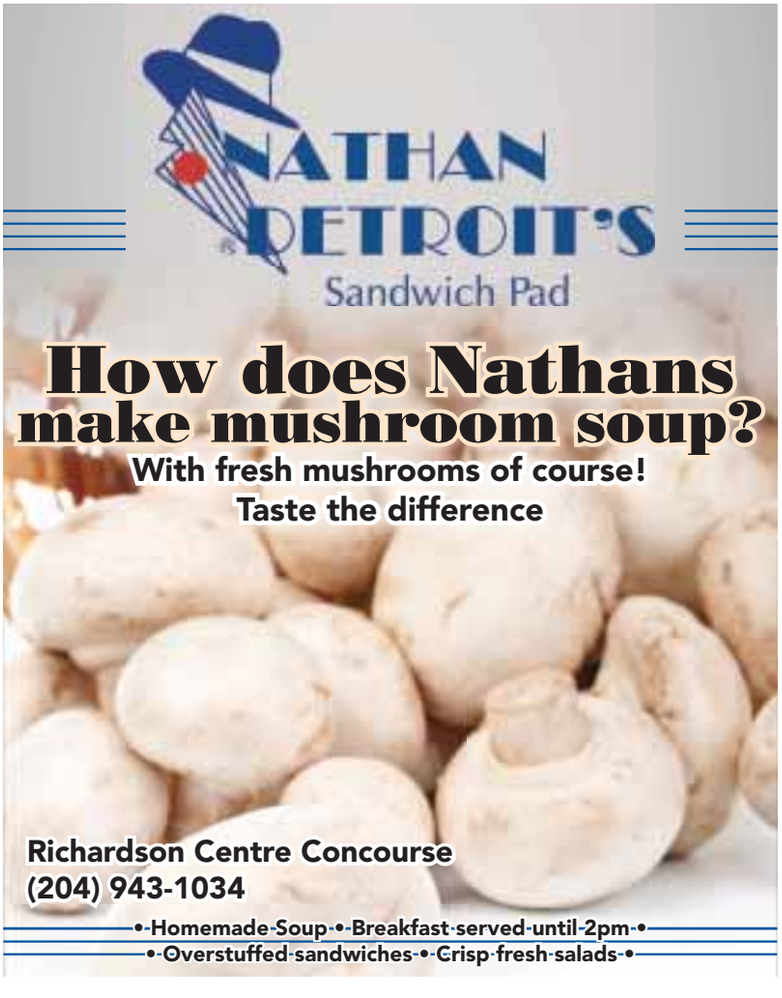

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'I'm in love with love.'

Kardashian opens up about the divorce

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Kim Kardashian ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kim Kardashian opened up to Jay Leno about her quickie marriage to Kris Humphries on Wednesday night. It was a lot of what you'd expect: It was nobody's fault, "she still believes in love," blah, blah, blah.

Basically, Kardashian did a great job of making a divorce sound as un-juicy as possible (which is very hard to do).

"I'm a girl who really believes in love, I'm in love with love and I thought this was it for me," she told Leno, never referring to Humphries by name, only as "someone else."

The 31-year-old said that when she "realized [the marriage] wasn't [what] I thought," she "tried to be really respect ful of everyone involved."

"I've heard stories of people who were married for 10 years and they knew it wasn't right, but they wanted to stick it out and had kids," she said. "I want that forever. I believed in love, I still do. But to be fair to everyone, I knew I had to end it and I'm OK with that decision."

I'm glad she still believes in love. And I rest easy at night knowing she probably also believes in the kind of love that she can make the most money off of.

Rimes may join The X Factor judges

Eddie Cibrian confirms that wife LeAnn Rimes has been in talks about joining the judge's table on The X Factor, according to Extra.

"They've been talking. I have no idea what's going on with that. I think they've been talking to a lot of people," Cibrian says. "I think she would be unbelievable on a show like that. As a mentor, which is key for that show, The X Factor, I think she has a lot of great input and actually could help these people out. Plus, she can sing."

LeAnn Rimes

A Rihanna and Ashton booty call?

Rihanna

Ashton Kutcher

Rihanna was spotted making a late-night visit to the home of Ashton Kutcher this week, according to TMZ, which posted photos of the singer's black SUV pulling up to the Two and a Half Men star's home.

Rihanna reportedly arrived around midnight — her full security team — and stayed until about 4 a.m.

Adding intrigue to the story is the fact that TMZ removed the item from its site shortly after posting it.

Kelly and Valderrama a hot new item?

Minka Kelly and Wilmer Valderrama have been turning heads with their public displays of affection, according to Us Weekly.

The rumoured couple popped up at Greystone Manor Supperclub in West Hollywood, where "they were kissing and grinding," a source says.

"They were very flirty and dancing close. They even left with each other."

They were also spotted at Disneyland last month and having dinner earlier this month.

So how serious are things getting between Valderrama and Kelly, who split with Yankees star Derek Jeter last year? "I wouldn't say they're boyfriend and girlfriend," a source says. "But he's started ignoring calls from some of his other girls."

Wilmer Valderrama

Minka Kelly

Madge to push for gay rights in Russia

Madonna is set to return to Russia on her tour this summer, and the planned visit is already causing controversy as the pop icon says she plans to defy a new statute in St. Petersburg that outlaws promoting homosexuality.

"I will come to St. Petersburg to speak up for the gay community and to give strength and inspiration to anyone who is or feels oppressed. I'm a freedom fighter," Madonna said in an email, according to Bloomberg.

"I don't run away from adversity. I will speak during my show about this ridiculous atrocity."

Madonna is scheduled to perform in Moscow on August 7 and St. Petersburg on August 9.

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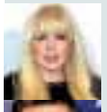

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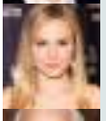

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Seyfried has puppy love

Rumoured couple Amanda Seyfried and Josh Hartnett seem to be enjoying the domestic side of life together. Last week, the pair were spotted grocery shopping in L.A., and this week they hit the beach for a play-date for their dogs, according to People magazine. While her feelings for Hartnett are unconfirmed, Seyfried has made it clear how she feels about her pooch.

"I'm obsessed with my dog," she previously told the magazine. "He's become my son and my light source and kind of a saviour to a lot of people, a lot of my friends."

Amanda Seyfried

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A Canadian Mad Men connection

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Even with the fear of creating a chink in my hipster armour, I have to confess that until recently I'd never seen an episode of Mad Men.

Sure, I've admired Christina Hendricks' talents and had dug out my skinny '80s ties from the back of my closet so I could channel my inner Don Draper, but when it came to watching the soap opera at Sterling Cooper, I just never got around to it.

Now that I'm caught up, I regret not realizing the amazing connection the series has with liquor — especially when it comes to Draper's love for our nation's namesake spirit Canadian Club Whisky (750 ml, $22.99 - $26.98).

First distilled in 1858 by Hiram Walker, C. C.'s aged blend of rye, corn, rye malt and barley malt was a prohibition favourite (a shout out to you Boardwalk Empire fans) that's kept its seductive, mixable caché well past the Mad Men era all the way to today.

Soft, lightly malted and eminently mixable (try using it as the foundation for your next Bloody Caesar), Canadian Club just happens to be the base of an Old Fashioned — Draper's favourite cocktail.

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This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dine just like TV ad exec Don Draper

Avocado and Crab Canapes. The popular show returns on Sunday, so get in the mood with eats from Don Draper's era

Does Don Draper do finger food? Judging by the first four seasons of TV's popular Mad Men show it doesn't seem likely unless we're talking about a belt of bourbon with a couple of smoking hot Lucky Strikes on the side.

But since that hardly sounds appetizing, we've come up with something a little tastier to greet the return of Mad Men on AMC on March 25.

Try this delicious avocado and crab mini sandwich if you're looking to get in the Mad Men mood. Avocado — both as a food and colour — was a big hit in the 1960s kitchen. This combo brings in a hint of California, the "Tomorrowland" state where Draper goes to overcome his past.

What will happen this season? Who knows? The show creators are known for being stingy with spoilers. But it seems a safe bet this recipe will make for a perfectly swell party.

1. Heat the oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Brush each slice of baguette on both sides with some of melted butter. Arrange bread on a rimmed baking sheet, then season lightly with salt and pepper.

3. Bake the bread for 6 to 7 minutes or until it is toasted and lightly golden.

4. In a small bowl, whisk together the lemon juice, Dijon mustard, hot sauce and olive oil. Gently stir in chopped pimento, avocado cubes and crab meat.

5. Arrange baguette slices on a serving platter. Top each with some of the avocado and crab salad.

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Ingredients

- 12 slices (cut 1 cm/1/2 inch thick) baguette
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, melted
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard or yellow mustard
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) hot sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped pimento
- 1 avocado, pitted and cubed
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) lump crab meat

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Cookbook

The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook

The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook serves up more than 70 recipes to satisfy a Mad Men appetite. From the tables of Manhattan's most legendary restaurants and bars to the Drapers' Around the World dinner, this is your entrée to the culinary world of Man Men-era New York.

Packed with period detail, The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook provides invaluable historical and cultural context for the food and drink featured in the show, tips on throwing a successful '60s cocktail party, and even a guide to favoured Mad Men hangouts. Every recipe inside is authentic to the time.

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"That's something that I set out to do, was to improve my pitches per inning and go deeper in games."

Toronto's Brandon Morrow who outpitched Philadelphia's Cliff Lee in the Blue Jays' 2-0 spring training win over the Phillies on Thursday. Morrow gave up one hit, a single by Carlos Ruiz with one out in the fifth, and a pair of second-inning walks. He threw 59 pitches in five innings. Jays slugger Jose Bautista Jose Bautista doubled twice and scored a run.

"I'm thinking through at-bats and watching the way (hitters are) reacting to balls and calling a little bit more of my own game.... All positives."

Brandon Morrow

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Jets preview

Winnipeg at Washington

Friday, 7 p.m.

(TSN-Jets)

The Jets (34-31-8) visit Washington (37-30-6). The Capitals are five points ahead of Winnipeg after Thurday night's 2-1 shootout loss to Philadelphia. Alex Ovechkin scored Washington's lone goal in the loss to the Flyers and has 33 goals this season. Tomas Vokoun (groin) is day-to-day.

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Olympics

Babcock wants to return for Sochi

Mike Babcock told the Canadian Press in an interview Thursday that he wants to be behind the bench when Team Canada defends its hockey gold medal at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

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Soccer

Reports say no ambulance was available when Indian player died

An Indian soccer player has died after collapsing during a local league game in the southern city of Bangalore.

D. Venkatesh, a 27-year-old mid-fielder for Bangalore Mars, went on as substitute in the 73rd minute and collapsed toward the end of the Bangalore District Football Association A Division match.

Domestic media reported Thursday that there was no ambulance available and Venkatesh was taken to the hospital on Wednesday in a three-wheel auto-rickshaw.

Preliminary post-mortem reports suggested cardiac arrest was the cause of death.

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Soccer

"Where we are now from that moment ... we are astonished."

Bolton manager Owen Coyle on Fabrice Muamba's improvement since suffering an on-field cardiac arrest last Saturday. Coyle said Thursday that Muamba is still seriously ill at London Chest Hospital but that he has improved dramatically.

NHL

Radulov scores, but Penguins win

Nashville's Alexander Radulov scored in his return to the NHL after four years in Russia, but the Penguins picked apart Predators goalie Pekka Rinne as Pittsburgh clinched a playoff spot with Thursday's 5-1 win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shipped out: Willis going on his way to Saskatchewan

CFL. Blue Bombers trade 'arguably the best pass-rusher in the CFL' to rival Rougriders

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The mayor of Swaggerville has been traded.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders acquired all-star defensive end Odell Willis on Thursday in a trade with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Saskatchewan received Willis and a conditional fifth-round draft pick in exchange for second (eighth overall) and fourth (23rd overall) round selections in the upcoming 2012 CFL Draft, as well as a conditional draft pick in 2013.

"Odell is arguably the best pass-rusher in the CFL," said Roughrider general manager Brendan Taman. "I'm very confident he significantly upgrades our club on the defensive side of the football."

The six-foot-two. 255-pound Willis began his CFL career with the Calgary Stampeders in 2009, when he signed on as a free agent before the season.

The 27-year-old Mississippi native was acquired by the Blue Bombers via trade midway through that season.

Last season, Willis proclaimed himself the "Mayor of Swaggerville" in the middle of a Winnipeg Blue Bomber win streak that lasted seven games. The name Swaggerville was picked up by local media and the Winnipeg Blue Bomber club, which capitalized on the nickname for the team by selling merchandise to enthusiastic fans.

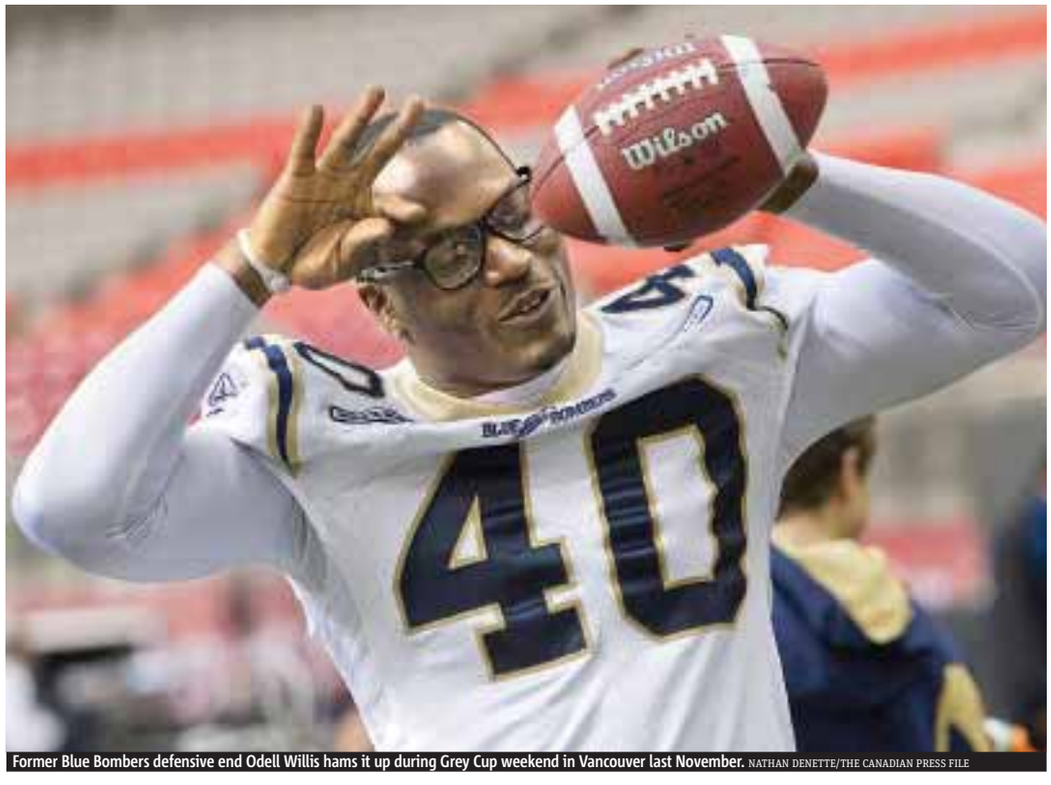
"We would like to thank Odell for passionate intensity and contributions to our football club the past two and a half seasons," Winnipeg Blue Bombers General Manager Joe Mack said in a press release.

"However, it became evident through a combination of team and staff interactions, and several one-on-one discussions, that Odell no longer wanted to be a part of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

"Therefore, we felt it would be the best interest of both Odell and the organization to facilitate this trade and proceed in a different direction."

Willis enjoyed a career season in 2011, piling up 27 tackles and 13 quarterback sacks. That performance earned him accolades as an East-Divison and CFL all-star.

During his three seasons in the CFL, Willis has tallied 78 tackles, 34 quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS



Former Blue Bombers defensive end Odell Willis hams it up during Grey Cup weekend in Vancouver last November. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Players may be next to fall in bounty scandal

The New Orleans Saints' crush-for-cash bounty system already cost them head coach Sean Payton for all of next season and general manager Mickey Loomis for half of it, plus two second-round draft picks and a $500,000 fine.

Former Saints defensive co-ordinator Gregg Williams, who oversaw and contributed money to the illegal fund, was suspended indefinitely.

Unforgiving and unprecedented penalties Wednesday from an NFL determined to rid its sport of hits that aim to knock opponents out of a game.

Now Commissioner Roger Goodell will turn his attention to possible punishments for two dozen or so defensive players the league's investigation found were involved in the extra payouts that he called "particularly unusual and egregious" and "totally unacceptable."

"We are all accountable and responsible for player health and safety and the integrity of the game. We will not tolerate conduct or a culture that undermines those priorities," said Goodell, whose league faces more than 20 concussion-related lawsuits brought by hundreds of former players. "No one is above the game or the rules that govern it."

The league is reviewing the case with the NFL Players Association.

"While I will not address player conduct at this time, I am profoundly troubled by the fact that players — including leaders among the defensive players — embraced this program so enthusiastically and participated with what appears to have been a deliberate lack of concern for the well-being of their fellow players," Goodell said. Targeted players included quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers, Cam Newton, Brett Favre and Kurt Warner. "Knockouts" were worth $1,500 and "cart-offs" $1,000, with payments doubled or tripled for the playoffs.

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U.S. Senate reacts

"It goes way beyond the rules of any sporting contest, at least team contest, to intentionally inflict harm on another person for a financial reward."

Sen. Dick Durbin on bounties. Durbin is setting up a Judiciary Committee hearing about bounties in professional football and other major sports.

What now?

- **Decision.** The Saints now must decide who will coach the team in Payton's place and who will make roster moves while Loomis is out.
- **Anonymous source.** A person familiar with the situation says there are three strong candidates on the Saints staff to step in as interim coach: defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael Jr. and offensive line coach Aaron Kromery.

Cardinals defence stifles Spartans

Keith Appling of the Michigan State Spartans goes up for a shot between Gorgui Dieng , left, and Jared Swopshire of the Louisville Cardinals in the NCAA West Regional Semifinal game Thursday night in Phoenix. The Spartans were the first #1 seed to lose in the tournament. Eight more teams will try to stake a place in the next round tonight. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

NHL waiting on union to start CBA talks: Bettman

NHL. 'We've been ready to go for months', says commish on collective bargaining talks

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said Thursday he's ready to meet with the players union to negotiate a new contract, but it's up to the union to decide when that might happen.

Bettman said the NHL Players' Association hasn't yet indicated that it's ready.

"That's something that we're relying on the union for right now," Bettman said of the timing on talks. "There's a new executive director and he's getting up to speed, meeting with his constituents and when the union's ready, then we'll start."

Donald Fehr, who previously led the union for Major League Baseball players, became executive director of the NHLPA in December 2010.

Union spokesman Jonathan Weatherdon said in an emailed statement that the union was meeting with players to prepare for negotiations.

"At our request, the NHL recently supplied the NHLPA with some initial financial information that we are currently reviewing," Weatherdon said. "While we do not have a set date for formal negotiations to begin, we expect negotiations will begin when we have players available to participate in bargaining sessions."

The Stanley Cup finals are scheduled to end in June.

Bettman declined to say what the league is looking for in renewing the seven-year deal set to expire Sept. 15.

"I don't discuss what we're looking for in collective bargaining publicly," he said. "That's best done across the table with the principals."

Team owners are expected to meet in Las Vegas when the NHL Awards are held.

Bettman met with team presidents at the Encore Las Vegas hotel-casino, the site of the awards last June. Bettman said they discussed marketing initiatives, TV contracts and general business.

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Money

57%

Revenue sharing is expected to play a large role in the talks, with NHL owners wanting to cut the players' share of league revenues from 57 per cent.

Commissioner Gary Bettman says the NHL will talk labour whenever the NHLPA is ready. MIKE STOBE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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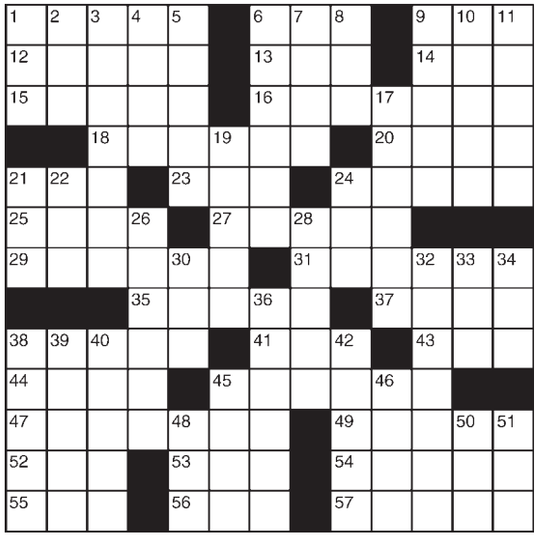

Across

1 Concentrate (on)
6 Sprite
9 Tend 7-Down
12 Welsh dog
13 Arrest
14 Japanese sash
15 Youngster
16 Microblogging service
18 Cravat holder
20 Firetruck necessity
21 Likely
23 [Uncorrected]
24 Suffering from ennui
25 Oboe insert
27 Snake poison
29 Quarterback Dan
31 Not transparent
35 Reached
37 Foolproof
38 Cockeyed
41 Supplement, with "out"
43 Cartoonist's supply
44 Camera part
45 Cheerleaders' companion
47 Sparkle
49 Wood-shop machine
52 Type squares
53 Flightless bird
54 Had a home-cooked meal
55 "Go, team!"
56 Prune
57 Midafternoon

Down

1 Airwaves watchdog org.
2 "— -la-la!"
3 Animal
4 Wrinkly fruit
5 Factions
6 Lure
7 Suburban green
8 J. Edgar's org.
9 Engine
10 Not just plump
11 Overcaffeinated
17 Resurrection doubter
19 Turning point
21 Branch
22 Potpie veggie
24 Jazz style
26 Readers' — 28 Crannies' counterparts
30 Present
32 Defeatist
33 Grecian vessel
34 Cartoon shriek
36 Make into confetti
38 Rags-to-riches author
39 Alabama city
40 Stuffed deli treat
42 Brilliance
45 Office reminder
46 Solemn pledge
48 Aviv lead-in
50 Hasten
51 Away from WSW

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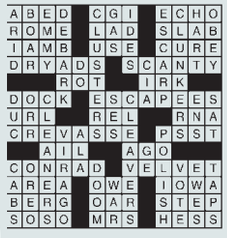
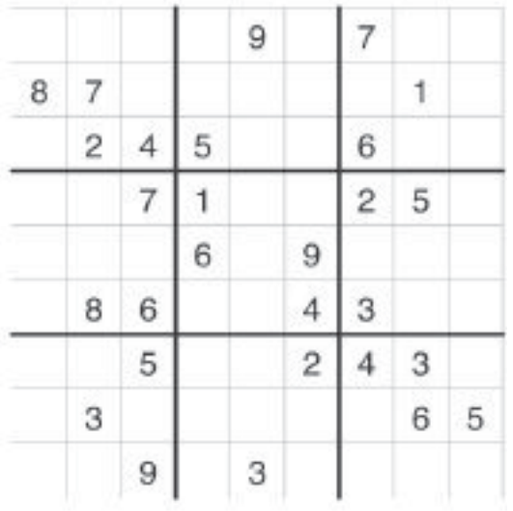
Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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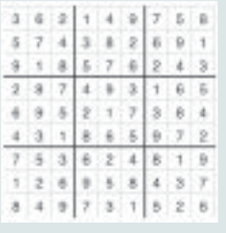

Send a kiss

- **Husband.** Happy Birthday Husband! I'm so proud of all you've accomplished this past year! I am so excited for what your future holds and I am so lucky to be spending it by your side. You're my everything.<3 From Your Panda Bear
- **Sexy Greg.** Is it love? Infatuation? All I know is the warm weather is coming and so are the cut off shorts , wool socks and red work boots ... When you walk by I cannot get enough of your crazy calfs ... And your cinnamon breath . oh how I long to be the honey to your peanut butter sandwich ... Make a noise like a duck ! Scooter
- **My Penguin.** You are my whole world. From the moment I wake until the moment I fall asleep, you are on my mind and in my thoughts. I never thought it was possible to love this much or feel something this big. I have made my share of mistakes with you but, loving you will never be one of them. I will always be there to protect you and make you feel safe. My only wish is to spend the rest of my life finding new ways to make you happy. From Big Love

Weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. As retrograde Mercury slips out of your sign, you won't be quite so sure about your opinions as you usually are — and that's good.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Make this an ideas day, a day when you make an effort to think outside the box.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. There's no point in being anxious. Look at your situation calmly because only when you do that are you going to find the answers.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may not be able to explain why you don't trust someone who seems honest, but you know better than to ignore your instincts.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Start thinking seriously about what you can and can't afford and how you're going to pay what you owe.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you need to put a relationship on a firmer footing, the return of Mercury to your opposite sign today will help you.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Don't be slow to junk old routines if it becomes obvious that they are no longer up to the task of getting you from where you are now to where you want to be tomorrow.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You need to think more seriously about a creative or artistic venture you've just been toying with.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Today's cosmic influences will give you the opportunity to smooth things out at home.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Be careful what you say today because you could easily let something slip that would have been better to keep to yourself.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Are you following a certain course of action because that is what you really want to do or because you think it is expected of you?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You won't have just one good idea today, you'll have dozens. Write them down and decide what ones to pursue later. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Rick

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